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SUBJECT: GOI ISSUES TENDERS IN ARIEL AND QARNEI SHOMROM

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1. (U) Press reported Monday, December 19, that the Ministry of Construction and Housing (MOCH) issued a tender for 117 units on two sites in the East Beit quarter of Ariel settlement. According to the tender, which was published in Ha'aretz, one site is 2,465 square meters and will have 27 housing units, and the other will be 7,544 square meters with 90 housings units. (Comment: Post thinks these sites may be for apartment complexes. End comment). The smaller site will cost a minimum of NIS 163,8000, approximately \$36,000, and the larger site will cost a minimum of NIS 200,600, approximately \$45,000. The expenditure for development will be NIS 912,564, approximately \$200,000, and NIS 2,792,601, approximately \$620,000, respectively. Both plots of land can be leased for 98 years, with an option to extend for an additional 98 years. Buyers must bid by February 5, 2006.

2. (U) There was a separate tender in Ha'aretz on December 19 for 20 housing units on ten plots in Qarnei Shomrom. Each plot will be approximately 5,450 square meters, and will have a minimum cost of NIS 57,532, approximately \$13,000. The expenditure for development for these plots will be NIS 1,562,468, approximately \$350,000. The leases are for 98 years, with an option to extend for an additional 98 years, and buyers must bid by February 5, 2006.

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